

Kaleidoscope - Decodable Stories and Comprehension Skills Wkbk. Level A

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Grade Level P3 - 2nd Grade

Readability Level

Course / Content
Writing
Spelling
Reading

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Content	The Decodable Stories and Comprehension Skills Workbook contains short selections that help students build fluency through reading stories that focus on particular sounds and spellings. In addition, the workbook contains worksheets that provide practice with the following comprehension skills: Sequence, Author's Purpose, Reality and Fantasy, Cause and Effect, Main Idea and Details, Drawing Conclusions, Compare and Contrast, Making Inferences, Classify and Categorize, Fact and Opinion, and Author's Point of View.
Student Experiences	Students build fluency through repeated readings of decodable stories. They first read the decodable stories silently in class; then, student volunteers read the story aloud. After the oral reading, students respond to questions about the text by pointing to and reading answers in the story. To build automaticity and fluency, students reread the story aloud with a partner in class and take home copies of the story to read with their families.
Assessment	Once students have read a decodable story both silently and aloud as a class, they are asked to respond to questions about the text. In addition, the Kaleidoscope Teacher's Edition recommends that teachers listen to each student read the decodable stories individually to assess their fluency. Answers to exercises on the comprehension skill worksheets are provided in the Decodable Stories and Comprehension Skills Annotated Teacher's Edition.
Organization	Twelve decodable stories are provided for each of the six units of study per level. A new decodable story is introduced on Days 1 and 3 of the five-day lesson plan for each selection in the Student Reader. Following the decodable stories are 36 pages of comprehension skill worksheets (one worksheet for each selection in the Student Reader). On Day 2 or 4 of the five-day lesson plan, students complete a comprehension skill worksheet that reinforces the comprehension skill applied while reading the corresponding selection in the Student Reader.
Resource Materials	The Decodable Stories and Comprehension Skills Annotated Teacher's Edition (included in the Intervention Package) provides answers for exercises on the comprehension skill worksheets. The Kaleidoscope Teacher's Edition provides information about when and
Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions	
Available Ancillary Materials	The Decodable Stories and Comprehension Skills Workbook is available in blackline masters format in the Kaleidoscope Intervention Package.

Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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Research Available

Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations: *This material was reviewed as part of the Kaleidoscope Intervention Reading Program. It is recommended that this program be included on the Kentucky State Textbook Adoption List.*

Summary Form

I.	Technology Component Summary	0.00
	<i>Student stories were presented in both CD and audiocassette format.</i>	
	<i>No management program available online or in CD format.</i>	
I.	Reading Content Summary	1.9299999999999999
	<i>Good variety of selections that are well organized and developmentally appropriate to hold the interest of older students with reading difficulties.</i>	
II.	Writing Content Summary	1.17
	<i>This program does not have a fully developed writing program included because it is mainly a reading intervention program. Many missed opportunities to make meaningful writing connections in this program.</i>	
III.	Grammar and Spelling Content Summary	1.69
	<i>A strong phonics and grammar strand are included.</i>	
	<i>Could not find an electronic dictionary.</i>	
IV.	Listening /Speaking / Observing Content Summary	2.00
V.	Inquiry Content Summary	
	<i>No inquiry component found in this program.</i>	
VI.	Technology Content Summary	
	<i>Student texts are recorded on cassette tapes as well as CDs.</i>	
	<i>No interactive student games or reading comprehension activities included.</i>	
VII.	Audience: Teacher Materials Content Summary	1.45
	<i>Easy to follow format that includes several teaching suggestions.</i>	
VIII.	Audience: Student Materials Content Summary	1.89
	<i>The illustrations / photos and the story text were appropriate for older readers.</i>	
	<i>No poetry or drama was included.</i>	
IX.	Format Content Summary	1.86
	<i>Easy to read student texts and teacher materials. All color coordinated at each level.</i>	
X.	Ancillary Materials Content Summary	1.83
	<i>Satisfactory amount of ancillary materials included.</i>	

READING CONTENT

Stories consist of fiction and nonfiction. No poetry or drama included.

WRITING CONTENT

Limited instruction is given in this reading intervention program for authentic writing instruction.

GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

Could not find an electronic dictionary.

LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING

INQUIRY

TECHNOLOGY CONTENT

The only technology component to the Kaleidoscope Program consists of CD and audiocassettes of recorded stories that come with the program.

AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS

Focus is on reading development.
Emphasis is on reading instruction.

AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS

Good selection of fiction and nonfiction. No poetry or drama is included.

FORMAT

ANCILLARY MATERIALS

Online resources are available through SRA, but not directly through the Kaleidoscope program.